

Sinclair's shameless electioneering by airing a one-sided smear of John Kerry two weeks before the election should be illegal. The fact that it is not, and that the FCC cannot effectively regulate this type of activity is a major argument for the strengthening of media ownership rules and regulations. When media conglomerates, who use the airwaves for free, shirk their responsibility as independent sources of information and instead pander to their own self-serving economic and political interests, it harms all of America.

I urge you to look very closely at Sinclair's use of this nation's airwaves the next time it's license comes up. Political propaganda that favors only the ruling party without equal time for the opposition is a characteristic of totalitarian regimes, not of a nation that claims to be a model of democracy.